tourism service providers, which includes people employed in the Travel Trade as well as Immigration and Custom officials at major International Airports. These training programmes are being organised by India tourism Offices, Institutes of Hotel Management, Food Craft Institutes, Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management and State Governments/Union Territories.

Development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh

1293. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to give a boost to tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the areas identified or chosen for development as tourist destinations;

(c) whether the State Government has also submitted various proposals for development to attract tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Development and promotion of places of tourist spots/interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Inida provides funds for development of different tourist places on the basis of field visits/consultation with the States/UT Administrations concerned.

(c) and (d) On the basis of proposals received, complete in all respects, from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, projects worth Rs. 1019.50 lakh have been sanctioned during the current financial year.

Promotion of tourism in Nagaland

1294. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to promote tourism in the State of Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to implement the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY):

(a) to (c) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts./UTs. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance for tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State Governments. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned a number of tourism projects relating to development of Tourist Destinations, Rural Tourism and Travel Circuits to the State of Nagaland.

During the current year 2004-05, a project for the development of Eco-tourism Cum Convention Centre at Piphema at an estimated cost of 351.00 lakhs has been sanctioned under the Destination Development Scheme.

Development of Sipra Sarupalli tourism project in Orissa

1295. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa propose to develop Sipra Sarupalli tourism project between Puri and Chilika;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Centre would also help the cash-strapped State in this venture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No such project for development of tourism infrastructure at Sipra Sarppalli between Puri and Chilika has been received from the Orissa Government so far.

(b) to (d) Development of tourist places is primarily undertaking by the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, also sanctions tourism projects at tourist sites of